

28 March 2023

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

HEALTH VISITOR SERVICE IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide assurance about the delivery and performance of the health visitor service during the pandemic and the restoration of services post-pandemic, and to understand the impact of the pandemic on babies' and young children's development.

Information

2. The Committee previously considered the Health Visitor Service as part of wider consideration of the Healthy Families Programme at its April 2021 meeting. This was under the Council's previous governance arrangements. The Service was tentatively scheduled for consideration at the Committee's January 2023 meeting, but this was delayed pending the resolution of appropriate scrutiny routes for the Service and the wider Healthy Families Programme. It is now intended that the Committee's consideration will inform the Healthy Families Programme recommissioning process.
3. The attached briefing document provides information in respect of the delivery of statutory assessments for 0-3 year olds, equity of access to health visiting services across Nottinghamshire, the collaboration between midwifery and health visiting services, as well as how the impacts of social isolation in babies and young children during the pandemic are being addressed.
4. Kerrie Adams, Senior Public Health Manager at Nottinghamshire County Council, and Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust representatives Sheryl Dudley and Joseph Sullivan will be in attendance to present the information and to respond to questions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) consider the information provided and make recommendations to the Adult Social Care and Public Health and Children and Families' Select Committees on the recommissioning of the Healthy Families Programme; and
- 2) determine whether to receive an update on the performance of the recommissioned service, to provide assurance that the Committee's comments have been addressed.

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Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All